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- 1. WORKING PARTY SPENT WHOLE DAY ON ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL QUESTION. NORWAY-FRG-FRENCH TEXT WITHDRAWN. WP DECIDED THAT SIGNATORIES SIT ON COUNCIL.
- 2. DECIDED THAT ASSEMBLY WILL MEET EVERY TWO YEARS -- ALTHOUGH WP MAY RETURN TO THIS QUESTION AT SOME FUTURE DATE AFTER ASSEMBLY-COUNCIL QUESTION SETTLED.
- 3. BULK OF U.S. EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS TO ASSEMBLY FUNCTIONS ("PACKAGE") ARTICLE ACCEPTED. SOME OTHER EDITORIAL AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED, AND ALL WILL BE REFERRED TO DRAFTING GROUP. DESPITE SOME INITIAL DOUBT AND DESPITE MEXICAN, TURKISH, EGYPTIAN AND NIGERIAN PROTESTATIONS THAT PACKAGE DOES NOT ADEQUATELY REFLECT LDC'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERNS, PACKAGE TEXT IS HOLDING.

- 4. FOUR LDC'S INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO (A) WHICH WOULD REINTRODUCE "GENERAL POLICY" FUNCTION. MEXICAN DELEGATE REFERRED TO INTELSAT ARTICLE VII (C)(I) BUT THEN FOUR LDC'S INTRODUCED STRONGER LANGUAGE. ALSO INTRODUCED NEW ASSEMBLY FUNCTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
 - (I) UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNCIL, ACT UPON THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMINATION OF SUCH APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14.
 - (J) REVIEW AT APPROPRIATE INTERVALS THE PRESENT CONVENTION AND THE OPERATING AGREEMENT AS A WHOLE TO DECIDE WHETHER ANY AMENDMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO THEM.
 - (K) EXERCISE ANY OTHER POWERS COMING WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE ASSEMBLY ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONVENTION.
- 5. SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS OF EUROPEANS, JAPAN, USSR AND U.S. SEEMED TO VARY RE ACCEPTABILITY OF EACH OF THESE PROVISIONS. EACH DELEGATION, HOWEVER, HESITATED TO SUPPORT ANY LANGUAGE WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH ALL OTHER DELEGATIONS NOW SUPPORTING PACKAGE. THIS HESITANCY STRENGTHENED BY STRONG USSR INTERVENTION IN FAVOR OF ASSEMBLY/COUNCIL RELATIONSHIP AS IT APPEARS IN PACKAGE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FOUR SEPARATE LDC INTERVENTIONS. LDC'S HAD COMPLAINED THAT PACKAGE UNSYMPATHETIC TO THEIR NEEDS. USSR THEN STATED QUITE CLEARLY THAT IT SUPPORTED THE TEXT AND THAT THE TEXT REPRESENTED A GOOD COMPROMISE. IN LIGHT OF THIS INTERVENTION, ANY SUPPORT FOR THE LDC PROPOSALS COULD HAVE EMBARRASSED USSR.
- 6. SINCE NO DELEGATION EXCEPT FOUR LDC'S AND NEW ZEALAND ADDRESSED SUBSTANCE LDC AMENDMENTS, CHAIRMAN

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DECIDED TO NOTE SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS IN ISWG REPORT WITH A REQUEST THAT ALL GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER AND RESUME DISCUSSION AT NEXT NSWG. MEXICAN DEL INDICATED HIS PLEASURE AT THIS DECISION SINCE HE WILL NOW HAVE TIME TO DEVELOP SUPPORT AND CONVINCE OTHER LDC'S TO ATTEND FUTURE MEETINGS.

- 7. USSR DID SUPPORT SEPARATE LDC PROPOSAL THAT REGIONAL GROUPINGS BE PERMITTED FOR COUNCIL POSITIONS. ISWG DECIDED THAT THIS OUTSIOE ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE. (ONE REASON USSR ACCEPTED THIS WAS PRIVATE U.S. INDICATION THAT WE MIGHT EVENTUALLY ACCEPT SOME SUCH PROVISION BUT COULD NOT ACCEPT LANGUAGE NOW BEFORE OTHER DECISIONS BEARING ON THIS ONE WERE MADE.)
- 8. DRAFTING GROUP MET ALL DAY CONCURRENT WITH WP.

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9. LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 6, DURING CAUCUS CONVENED BY UK OF SPONSORS OF PACKAGE DEAL, U.S. REP REPEATED NEED FOR EUROPEAN ASSURANCES ON THE RECORD THAT ALL ORIGINAL SPONSORS STILL SUBSCRIBED TO ALL ELEMENTS OF THE PACKAGE. ONLY SWEDEN, NORWAY, BELGIUM AND UK HAD DONE SO. U.S. REP REMINDED EUROPEAN DELS HE HAD TOLD THEM PREVIOUS DAY THAT SUCH ASSURANCES WERE PREREQUISITE TO U.S. SUPPORT OF EUROPEAN PROCUREMENT TEXT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER CAUCUS, UK MADE STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL EUROPEANS PRESENT (FINLAND AND SWITZERLAND NOT ATTENDING ISWG) AND FRENCH DEL ENTERED SEPARATE STATE-

MENT. BOTH INTERVENTIONS SPECIFICALLY REITERATE COM-
MITMENT TO PACKAGE AND IN PARTICULAR TO ASSEMBLY/COUNCIL
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